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Letter dated 3 May 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Following the usual consultations, I wish to inform you of my intention to appoint Mr. Michel Kafando (Burkina Faso) to serve as my Special Envoy, at the Under-Secretary-General level, to lead and coordinate the political efforts of the United Nations in Burundi.

Mr. Kafando will lead and coordinate United Nations support to Burundi, in particular for the promotion of peace and sustainable development, and to the political dialogue process under the auspices of the East African Community.

He will succeed Mr. Jamal Benomar (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), who has completed his assignment, in undertaking the functions carried out by the Special Adviser on Conflict Prevention, including in Burundi, as mandated by the Security Council in its resolutions 2248 (2015), 2279 (2016) and 2303 (2016). I should like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mr. Benomar for his dedication and commitment in discharging his responsibilities.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) António **Guterres**

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